

I. INTRODUCTION

Transportation plays a vital role in the development of an area. Business, industrial, and residential communities use it daily as a way of life. A thoroughfare plan takes the needs of these communities and provides a good, safe, and efficient highway system for the present and future.

Farmville's has for a long time been concerned with its transportation. The first thoroughfare plan for Farmville was developed in 1970 (map dated May 7, 1970). The second and latest thoroughfare plan was completed in 1979 (map dated June 27, 1979). However, due to new growth patterns and completion of two thoroughfare items, the Eastern Loop and US 264 Freeway; the Town of Farmville requested an update of their thoroughfare plan.

This thoroughfare plan will set forth a system to serve anticipated traffic and land development needs of the Farmville Urban Area for the next twenty-nine years. Insufficient present and future capacity and maintenance needs are items established in the development of a plan.

The system of thoroughfares proposed follow the basic Principles of Thoroughfare Planning as described in Chapter II of this report. There are many benefits to be derived from thoroughfare planning. The primary objective is to enable major thoroughfares to be progressively developed that will adequately service future traffic demands. The location of thoroughfares depends on field investigation, aerial photos, existing and anticipated land uses, and topographic conditions. It also considers the travel concerns of the community and its public representatives.

Major benefits to be derived from thoroughfare planning are:

- (a) A minimum amount of land will be required for street and highway purposes.
- (b) Local citizens will be aware of the streets which will be developed as major thoroughfares and thus will have assurance that their residential street will not in the future become a major traffic carrier.
- (c) Land developers can design their subdivisions so that subdivision streets will function non-conflictingly with the thoroughfare plan.

It should be emphasized that the recommended plan is based on anticipated growth of current trends of the planning area. Prior to construction of specific projects, a more detailed study will be required to reconsider development trends, specific locations, design requirements, and environmental needs.